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Identity of "ZAPATA" (1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

No: 248

11 April 1944

To VIKTOR[1]

In August 1943 I made the acquaintance of Brigadier-General Roberto CALVO RAMIREZ[a] henceforth "ZAPATA [SAPATA]"[ii] commanding [1 group unrecovered] battalion and garrisons of coastal defence of the Northern part of the Peninsula of Lower California with HQ in the town of ENSENADA[a]. From many sources it is known to me that "ZAPATA" in his youth fought in ZAPATA's [SAPATA] detachment[OTRYAD] and then became one of CARDENAS'[KARDENAS] trusted generals. Z.[S.] is an old enthusiastic supporter of our country and leader, has been a member of the Society of Friends of the USSR for many years. Politically he is half Communist, half Anarchist. A clever and brave man. I always meet him during his rare visits to MEXICO[CITY]. Up to the present I [7 groups unrecovered] friendly character. Not far from ENSENADA is [4 groups unrecovered] - Dukhobors who moved thither 40 years ago

[22 groups unrecovered]

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1,000 dollars [4 groups unrecovered] Dukhobors

[13 groups unrecoverable]

correspondence in the course of which mentioned this

[19 groups unrecovered]

[52 groups unrecoverable]

in

[20 groups unrecoverable]

and all other

[49 groups unrecoverable]

[87 groups unrecovered]

T.N. [a] Given both in Cyrillic and Latin

Comments [1] VIKTOR: Lt.General P.M. FITIN.

[11] It now seems probable that there is no connection between the "SAPATA" mentioned here and in MEXICO CITY - MOSCOW message No. 536 of 26th June 1944 (3/NBF/T374) and the "SAPATO" of unpublished MOSCOW-MEXICO CITY message No. 312 of 11th May 1945 in which "SAPATO" was repeated in the text.

[N.S.A. DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS CONCLUSION. ~~REDACTED~~
IS TAKING UP THE QUESTION WITH GCHQ]

"SAPATA: This codename was also referred to in MEXICO CITY mess # 536 of 26th June 1944 (3/NBF/T374) and was possibly the codename intended in unpublished MOSCOW-MEXICO CITY mess # 312 of 11th May 1945, in which "SAPATO" was repeated in the text.

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AMENDMENTS

1. In line 9 of the text please alter "the Society of Friends of the USSR for many years" to read "the Society of the Friends of the USSR for a number of years". ✓
2. In last line of text on Page 1, please delete "about". ✓
3. On page 2, please delete the whole of Comment [11] and instead please insert: "SAPATA: this covername was also referred to in MEXICO CITY message No.536 of 26th June 1944 (3/NBF/T374) and was possibly the covername intended in unpublished MOSCOW-MEXICO CITY message No.312 of 11th May 1945, in which "SAPATO" was repeated in the text." ✓

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